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SUBJ: US-FRG PRE-UNGA BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 19 CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG (USUN). ALSO PRESENT FROM THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE WERE REDIES (UN AFFAIRS) AND JESSER (MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS). AMBASSADOR YOUNG ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR STOESEL AND BAKER (USUN).

2. GENERAL: GENSCHER AND YOUNG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AS PART OF US-FRG COOPERATION. YOUNG PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO FRG PER REP VON WECHMAR FOR HIS ROLE IN THE COORDINATED EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

3. NORTH AFRICA-CHAD: YOUNG RAISED ISSUE OF LIBYA SUPPORT OF CHAD DISSIDENTS AND INDICATED USG PREPARED TO SUPPORT FRENCH EFFORTS IN THE AREA. GENSCHER EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT LIBYA ROLE AS A DESTABILIZING FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SUPPORTER OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE AREA, AND AS AN EXPORTER OF TERRORISM. AS A GENERAL POLICY, FRG SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" (EG. SUPPORTED FRENCH IN ZAIRE) WHICH THEY VIEW AS A CRITICAL ELEMENT OF STABILITY IN AFRICA.

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4. RHODESIA: YOUNG EMPHASIZED THAT CONTINUING STALEMATE IN NEGOTIATIONS, DIVISIVENESS IN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS, AND THE LIMITATIONS ON US AND UK ABILITY TO DIRECTLY INFLUENCE EVENTS CREATED A DANGEROUS SITUATION. THE RECENT DECISION BY SMITH TO CALL ELECTIONS CAME AS A SURPRISE AND COULD NOT HELP THE SITUATION. ONE MAJOR CONCERN WAS POSSIBLE SPILL-OVER WHICH COULD ENDANGER

THE STABILITY OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES (EG. ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA). HE SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO UN INVOLVEMENT WHICH, IN TURN, WOULD REQUIRE THE INVOLVEMENT OF FRONT-LINE AFRICAN STATES IN WORKING OUT A PACKAGE. YOUNG SAID THAT WE MIGHT EXPLORE THIS WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT NYRERE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE US. GENSCHER EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY OF ASSURING THE WHITE POPULATION THAT CIVIL WAR WOULD NOT FOLLOW INDEPENDENCE AND THIS PRESUMED A UNITED AFRICAN FRONT AND SOME GUARANTEE OF SECURITY. HE LOOKED TO UK TO PROVIDE LATTER. YOUNG COMMENTED THAT A UK MILITARY/SECURITY GUARANTEE WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

5. NAMIBIA: GENSCHER OUTLINED THE DEEP FRG INTEREST IN NAMIBIA AS A RESULT OF A RESIDENT GERMAN POPULATION AND NOTED RECENT DECISIONS (EG. CLOSING OF CONSULATE) DESIGNED TO MAKE CLEAR ITS POLICY OF SUPPORTING A MULTIRACIAL, INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. YOUNG AND GENSCHER AGREED THAT SYG WALDHEIM SHOULD PLAY A MORE ACTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT EFFORTS AND GENSCHER PROMISED TO RAISE THIS PERSONALLY WITH WALDHEIM WHEN THEY MEET LATER THIS SUMMER. YOUNG AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE CRITICAL ROLE OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES, PARTICULARLY IN CONVINCING SWAPO TO TAKE A POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE CURRENT EFFORTS.

6. SOUTH AFRICA: GENSCHER NOTED THAT THE FRG HAD PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE EC-9 DECISION TO DEVELOP A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BUSINESSES OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA. YOUNG EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO CONTINUOUSLY PRESS THE SAG TO CHANGE AND THE POSITIVE ROLE WHICH

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PRIVATE BUSINESS COULD PLAY IN THIS REGARD. GENSCHER COMMENTED THAT IN ADDITION TO MORAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE WEST HAD A STRATEGIC INTEREST TO ACT IN SOUTH AFRICA (AND THE WHOLE AREA) IN SUCH A WAY TO PRECLUDE SOVIET INFLUENCE.

7 LAGOS APARTHEID CONFERENCE: YOUNG NOTED AFRICAN RESPONSIVENESS TO WEOS EFFORTS TO COOPERATE AS EVIDENCED AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE AND URGED STRONG, HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION BY WEOS IN THE FORTHCOMING LAGOS CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID. GENSCHER AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO CONSIDER PERSONALLY ATTENDING. HE NOTED THAT THE NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT GERMANY SHORTLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

8. 31ST AND 32ND UNGA: YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT THE MAJOR FOCUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE AT THE BELGRADE CSCE WHERE THE US DID NOT PLAN TO TAKE AN AGGRESSIVE POSTURE. HE FELT THAT THE RESUMED 31ST UNGA MIGHT FOCUS ON HOW WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. GENSCHER SAID THAT THE FRG HAD TWO MAJOR CONCERNS AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA: (A) THEIR INITIATIVE OF HOSTAGES, AND (B) DISARMAMENT. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, HE SAID THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE FROM THE NON-

ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND TO COUNTER SOVIET PROPAGANDA EFFORTS.
HE THOUGHT THAT IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE RELATIVELY POOR
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PERFORMANCE OF THE SOVIET BLOC WAS
DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE HIGH LEVEL OF THEIR DOMESTIC MILITARY
EXPENDITURES.

9. THE ABOVE HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG.
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